

RECUSAL POLICY FOR HON. JUDITH A. COWIN
WITH RESPECT TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

1. Justice Cowin will recuse herself from all cases in which William I. Cowin has been directly or indirectly involved as an advocate, counsel, consultant, mentor, supervisor, or in any other capacity, at any stage of the litigation.

2. For so long as Mr. Cowin is employed in the government bureau of the Attorney General's office, Justice Cowin will also recuse herself from all cases in which any of the counsel of record for a government party or amicus is employed in the government bureau.

3. The Attorney General will be asked, when filing briefs and other material in court (both in the full court and in the county court), to indicate in the signature block of the document, in addition to all other information required by the rules of court, the bureau affiliation of each assistant attorney general whose name appears on the document.

4. If all counsel of record for the government party or amicus are from a bureau other than the government bureau, counsel will be expected to indicate to the court whether Mr. Cowin has been involved, directly or indirectly, at any stage of the litigation. Counsel may supply this information by filing a statement in the form attached. The statement shall be filed with the clerk of the court at the time the first notice of appearance, pleading, motion, or other paper is filed by an assistant attorney general or special assistant attorney general in the case. Provided the circumstances do not change, the statement needs to be filed one time only; however, in cases in which Mr. Cowin was not involved at the time the statement is filed, counsel shall notify the court promptly if, at any time thereafter, Mr. Cowin becomes involved in the case in any capacity.

5. The Attorney General will be asked to ensure that all special assistant attorneys general outside her office identify themselves as such on their filings and also comply with the requirement of par. 4 above.

6. This policy will apply to all cases pending in the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth and in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

Dated: October 14, 2010

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Statement Concerning Representation of Governmental Party or Amicus

Docket number and caption of the case:

Identify party or amicus represented by the Attorney General:

List all counsel of record for this party or amicus. For each attorney identified, state his or her bureau affiliation (or specify his or her status as a special assistant attorney general):

Select one of the following:

_____ As counsel of record for the government party/amicus in this case, I represent that attorney William I. Cowin has had no direct or indirect involvement in the case as an advocate, counsel, consultant, mentor, supervisor, or in any other capacity, at any stage of the matter. I will inform the court promptly if he becomes involved in any capacity in the future.

_____ As counsel of record, I represent that attorney William I. Cowin has been involved in this matter in some respect.

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